

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patrick Willis, star Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School football player, on being selected the 2002 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A "Mr. Football" Lineman.

WHEREAS, After a rigorous selection process, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association each season chooses an elite group of individuals to receive its "Mr. Football" Awards; and

WHEREAS, The 2002 honorees appropriately included Patrick Willis, linebacker/running back for the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School football team, who was selected Class A "Mr. Football" Lineman; and

WHEREAS, Standing at six-foot-three and weighing 225 pounds, Patrick Willis is the first player in the 18-year history of the "Mr. Football" awards to be nominated as both a lineman and a back; and

WHEREAS, Among his other impressive statistics, Patrick Willis is a senior, a team captain, and a four-year starter with the Tigers; and

WHEREAS, Patrick powered the Tiger defense with 122 tackles, six sacks, two caused fumbles, one pass deflection, and five pass interceptions, two of which he turned into touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Willis also had an outstanding season on offense; he accumulated over 1,900 rushing yards on 180 carries, and scored 30 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, A true team player, Willis is quick to acknowledge his teammates and coaches as an integral part of his success; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Patrick Willis' efforts, the Tigers advanced to the third round of the playoffs this season; and

WHEREAS, His Head Coach, Rod Sturdivant, is very complimentary of his strong work ethic and leadership, and was not surprised that Patrick received this award; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this very talented and successful player; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Patrick Willis on the completion of a brilliant high school football career and on being named the 2002 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A "Mr. Football" Lineman, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.